



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 24/25-115, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

Please provide answers (to the following 2 questions) in any format that is easiest for you. If you do not record this information, please state entry as 'NA'. If you record this information, and the answer is zero, please state '0'.

Questions regarding each dog breeding licensed establishment, for 2021 only:

1. The number, breed and age of all breeding bitches, in each dog breeding licensed establishment (in 2021).
2. Breed(s) of male stud(s)/father(s), if different to mother's breed (in 2021).

Response:

Due to the way that our electronic records are stored, we are unable to retrieve the information as requested for 2021, as only live records are currently retrievable. Our system would have to be manually searched and records chronicled, as a breeding establishment annual inspection could be dated in one year but would be relating to a licence recorded in the previous year. This would take over the maximum time allowed.

For information, the Senior Licensing Officer stated that our records cover the number of breeding bitches, the number of stud dogs and the number of puppies allowed, we do not record the ages of breeding bitches. He has advised that if you would like the information for live licences, that he can provide that for you.

This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 12(4)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In respect of those requests that are answered in full, partially or the total refused, please take this as notice under FOIA, that we:

- a) Consider the information as exempt from disclosure under the Act.
- b) Claim exempt under sections of the Act:

Section 12(4)(b) Manifestly Unreasonable

- c) State why the exemption applies:

12(4) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a), a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that – (b) the request for information is manifestly unreasonable.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for local government is £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving, and extracting the information.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 24/25-115.

If information has been refused, please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambbs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.